#### MassDEP, Bureau of Air and Waste

# On-Line Permit Applications: Solid Waste Facility Permitting

Introduction to ePLACE





# SW Permitting in ePLACE

- What applications are currently in ePLACE
- How to create an account in ePLACE
- How to start an online application
- Content of the on-line form
- Submittal and fee payment process
- The Public Viewer
- Plan for implementing more SW applications
- How to get help



# SW Applications Currently in ePLACE

#### Authorizations to Construct

- SW05 Large Transfer Station or Handling Facility
- SW08- Landfill Phase Approval
- SW19- Small Transfer Station or Handling Facility
- SW26- Large New or Major expansion at Landfill
- SW27- Medium New or Medium Expansion at Landfill

#### By early February:

- SW15- New or Expanded Combustion Facility
- ▶ SW28- Small New or small expansion of Landfill
- SW29- New or Expansion of a Wood Waste Facility



# **SW Application Approach**

#### New Form

- Replaces Transmittal Form
- Added Fields to collect general descriptive information about the project
- Old form and Attachments to be uploaded as Attachments to the new form

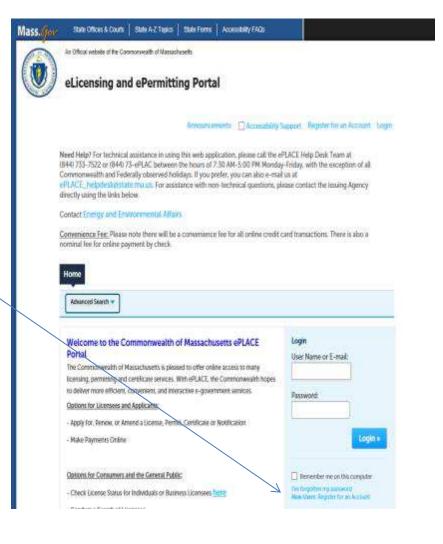
#### New Features

- Ability to pay permit fee on line (credit card, EFT)
- Ability to track application review process
- Public Viewer and Public Comment portal



# Register for an Account

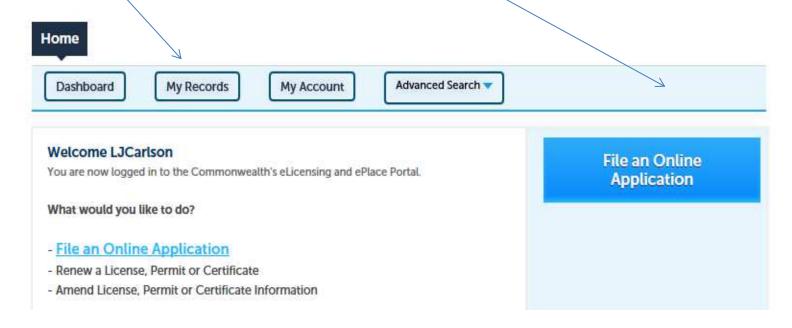
- Create or Log-in to your account in eLicensing
- First time users click here
- Be sure to provide your full name, address, and contact information when setting up your account.
- Responsible Officials- list official Company Name!





# Applicants: File an Online Application

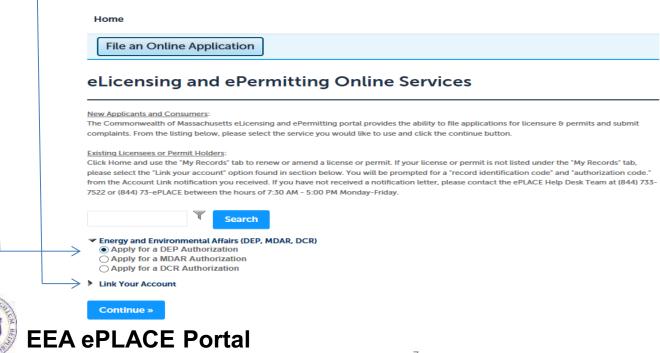
- Click here to start
- If you want to track an application you have linked to and have already filed, click here





# Applicants: File an Online Application

- Click on "Energy and Environmental Affairs" and "Apply for a DEP Authorization" to find & start application.
- To connect to and see an application in process click on "Link Your Account"



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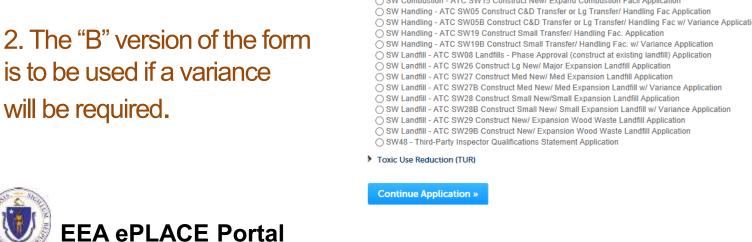
Click "Solid Waste" to see available applications

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Select the application you want.

#### NOTF:

- 1 Like the current ATC form, the content of the form is the same
- is to be used if a variance will be required.



#### **On-Line Form Content**

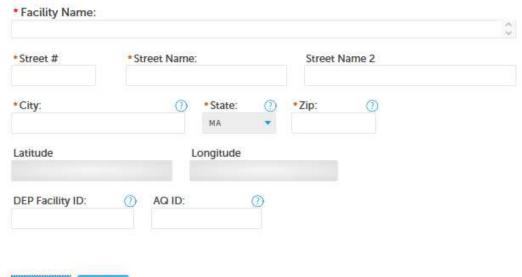
- Identify Facility\*
- Identify Facility Owner
- Provide Technical Information
- Identify the Applicant (responsible official)
- Review
- The Applicant needs to log in and Certify/ Submit the application



<sup>\*</sup> Basic data for existing facilities has been loaded into the system. New Facilities can be added but need to be confirmed by MassDEP.

# Select the Facility

- Search for an existing facility by entering name or address and click on "Search".
- If not found, click on "Clear" and use different or fewer criteria
- If still not found, add as new facility by typing in the facility information as required (see red asterisk)



Some applications will not allow you to enter a new facility (e.g. ATO)

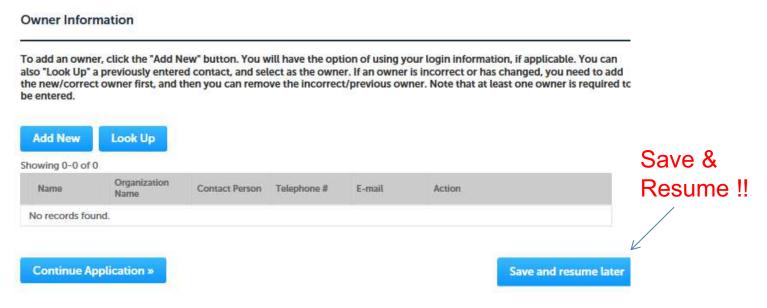


Clear

Search

# **Identify Facility Owner**

- Click "Look Up" to find Facility Owners already registered with DEP or add a new Owner
- Owner should be the Organization name as registered with the Sec. of State.





## Preparers: Save & Resume Button

- A Preparer can complete the form for an Applicant but not submit it.
- The "Save & Resume Later" button generates a PIN and emails the PIN to the Preparer.
- The Preparer should share the PIN with the Applicant.
- Once the Applicant activates the PIN (Link to my Account), they have access to the application.
- Instructions on how to use the PIN to link to the Application (ePLACE Quick Guide) are found at <a href="https://www.mass.gov/how-to/sw-05-08-15-19-26-29-construct-a-new-or-expanded-facility">https://www.mass.gov/how-to/sw-05-08-15-19-26-29-construct-a-new-or-expanded-facility</a>



#### Technical Content of the ATC Form

#### General Information

- Owner Type, Operator Type
- Operator Name and Contact Information
- Engineer of Record Name and License Information

#### Project Description

- Short Description of what is proposed
- Proposed new Waste disposal capacity
- Size of Site Assign area
- Conditions for which a variance is requested
- MEPA Applicability



# Technical Content (continued)

- List Previous permits for this site
- Anticipated Waste Handling Capacity (5 yrs.)
- Waste Types to be Accepted
- Attachments
  - Current Site Assignment
  - Permit Application form with PE stamp and Applicant signature
  - Report/ narrative
  - Site Plans\*
  - Other documents (based on answers in the application)

\*The Regional Office may ask for hard copy large scale site plans



# **Applicant and Contributors**

- All contributors to the application will be shown in a table.
- Signatory Authority This describes the role of the applicant as a responsible official to act for the owner.
- In the boxes provide:
  - The legal name of the organization
  - ▶ The appropriate Organization type (source of Signatory Authority), and
  - ▶ The appropriate title or position of the Applicant.





## **Applicant and Contributors**

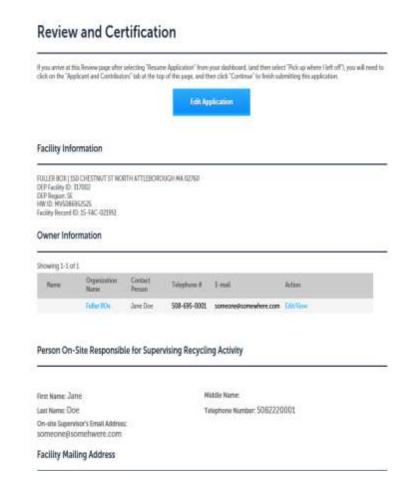
- The Applicant Information box will show the name and address of the person currently logged into the application. This is the applicant. If the person filing out the form is NOT the "Responsible Official" or Signatory for the Facility, they are not the applicant, please log out and have the Responsible Official log in to complete the form.
- Click "Continue Application" if the correct person is shown as the applicant. Ignore
  the "Edit or View" link- this has been disabled.

# Applicant Information To review or certify this application, click on the "Continue Application" button. For most applications, if you are not the applicant, you will only be able to review. After reviewing, you will need to click on the "Save and resume later" button, and have the applicant log-in to certify. Applicant Information: Laurel J Carlson Boston, , 02108 Telephone #: 617-348-4095 Email: Laurel.Carlson@state.ma.us Edit or View Continue Application >> Save and resume later



#### **Review and Certification**

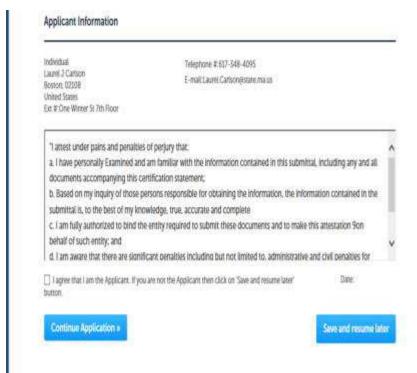
- Last step before submit is a top to bottom review.
- Can take screen prints of the review section to share a hard copy with the Applicant before submittal.
- Click "Edit Application" if any information needs to be updated
- Scroll to the bottom for the Certification language.





#### Review and Certification

- Again, the applicant or Responsible Official must be logged in to complete the notification. Their name should be in the box of "Applicant Information"
- Read the certification statement
- Check the box agreeing to it
- Click "Continue"

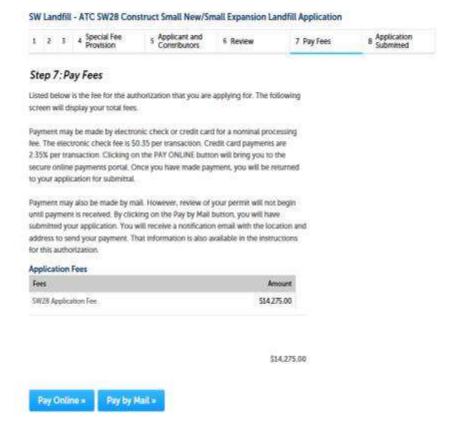




# **Application Fee**

# Identify Fee exemption OR Pay Fee

- Both online payment and pay by mail are available.
- Online payment will carry a service charge
- Click the appropriate box to begin.

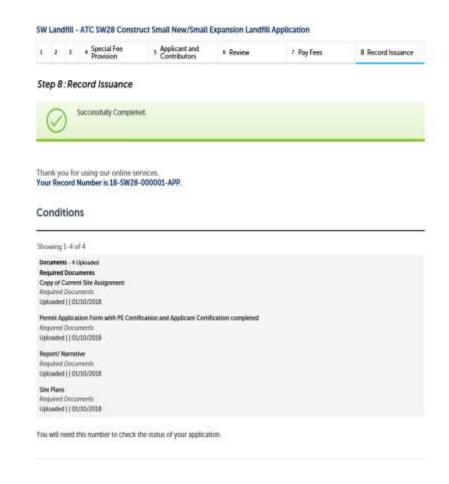


MassDEP will not begin review of the application until the permit fee has been paid.



# **Application Submitted!**

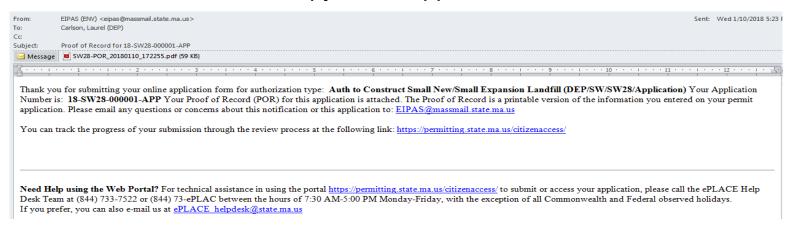
- On-screen notification that the application has been successfully submitted
- Email indicating that the application has been received will also be sent.





#### Proof of Record (POR)/ Public Viewer

 Approximately 5 minutes after submittal of the application, the Applicant will receive a POR which is a copy of the Application minus attachments.



Also see the link below for a copy of both the application and attachments:

https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/



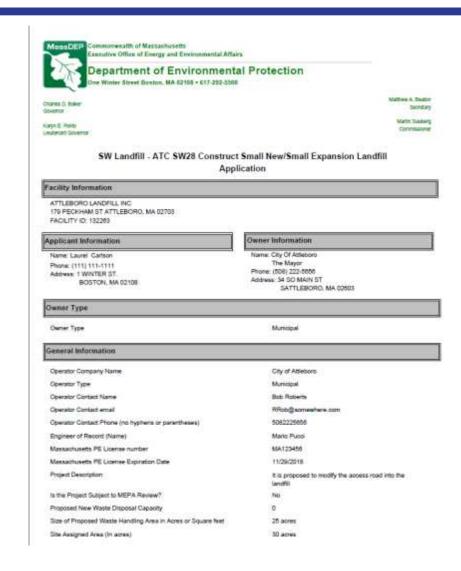




#### Proof of Record (POR)

- Printable PDF Version of Submittal with list of Attachments.
- If the application is deficient, MassDEP can open up the application for applicant to make edits.
- A new POR is generated every time the application is changed.
- Each POR is shown in the Public Viewer

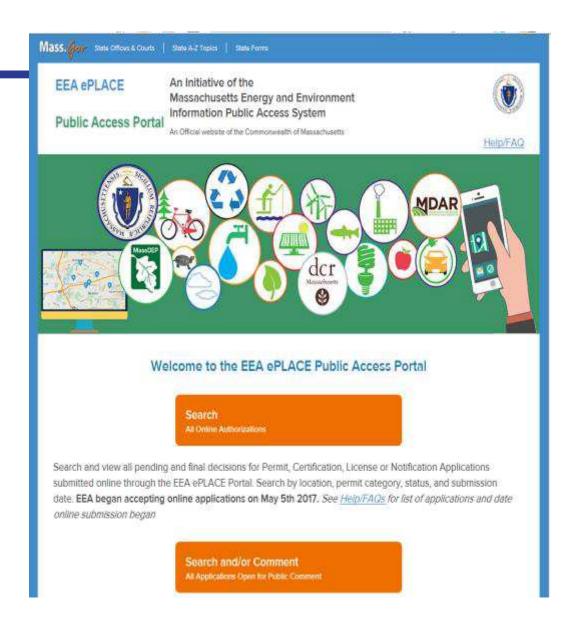




#### **Public Viewer**

- https://eeaonline.eea.stat e.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/
- Allows public to view application (POR plus attachments).
- Allows Public to view Draft Approval for public comment.
- Allows public to file comments during public comment period.
- Allows public to view Final Approval.

**EEA ePLACE Portal** 

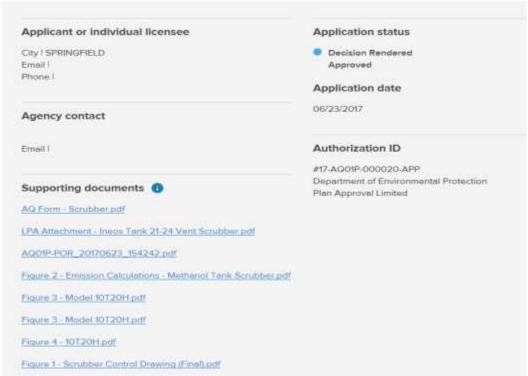


#### **Public Viewer**

What the Application Record looks like:

#### **INEOS MELAMINES LLC**

INEOS MELAMINES LLC 730 -B WORCESTER ST, SPRINGFIELD, MA 01151





#### **Public Comments**

- Interested Parties can submit comments during public comment period through the Public Viewer.
- Commenter must provide a name and a "Subject" for the comment (names are not validated)
- Commenter can attach documents, exhibits, photographs, etc.
- Commenter cannot see comments from other parties while the comment period is open
- MassDEP can extend the comment period if necessary by modifying the workflow timeline.



#### **Public Comments**

- MassDEP can review comments, compile comments into subject areas and publish comments once comment period has ended.
- ▶ If MassDEP prepares a Response to Comments document, it too can be posted in the Application record on the Public Viewer.



#### What's Next?

- Authorizations to Operate (SW06, SW10, SW20)
- Post Closure Use (SW36, SW37)
- Authorizations to Modify
- Beneficial Use Determinations
- ALL Solid Waste Applications to be On-Line by June 2019

NOTE: Concurrently, BAW is implementing forms for Hazardous Waste Facility Permits

On-Line Reporting TBA



# To Get Help

- Pre-Application Consultation with the MassDEP Regional Office is strongly recommended.
- ePLACE HELP (account set up, password, find a form, make payment, My Records): <a href="mailto:ePLACE\_helpdesk@state.ma.us">ePLACE\_helpdesk@state.ma.us</a>. or call (844) 733-7522 (7:30 am 5pm, M-F).
- Screen by Screen Instructions for each form plus instructions on how to link a PIN to the Application and the full User Guide available at <a href="https://www.mass.gov/how-to/sw-05-08-15-19-26-29-construct-a-new-or-expanded-facility">https://www.mass.gov/how-to/sw-05-08-15-19-26-29-construct-a-new-or-expanded-facility</a>

